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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

Lesotho: revised draft resolution

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991, 47/154 of 18 December 1992, 48/197 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 E of 20 December 1994, 50/58 A of 12 December 1995 and 51/30 B of 5 December 1996,

Taking note of the presidential statement of 30 July 1997[1] in which the Security Council, inter alia, welcomed the successful holding of presidential and legislative elections in Liberia on 19 July 1997, noted with satisfaction the declaration in the Joint Certification Statement by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States that the electoral process had been free, fair and credible and that the outcome of the elections reflected the will of the Liberian people,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[2]

Commending the Liberian people on their courage, determination and resolve in proceeding with the elections under difficult circumstances,

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[1] S/PRST/1997/41.

[2] A/52/678.

Commending also the concerted and determined efforts of the Economic Community of West African States, the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations in restoring peace, security and stability in Liberia,

1. Expresses its gratitude to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their assistance and support for the Liberian peace process, and urges that such assistance be continued;

2. Calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to focus attention on the need to provide continued support to Liberia following the successful completion of the peace process so as to promote a culture of sustained peace in Liberia;

3. Also calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide assistance to Liberia in keeping with the "Agenda for Rebuilding Liberia" as submitted by the Government of Liberia during the Fourth Special Ministerial Meeting of the ad hoc Special Conference on Liberia, held at United Nations Headquarters on 3 October 1997, under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General;[1]

4. Urges the Government of Liberia to establish conditions essential to the democratic socio-economic development of Liberia, including the return and reintegration of refugees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers, by honouring its pronouncement to uphold the rule of law, national reconciliation and the promotion of human rights as a national policy;

5. Commends the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts to mobilize relief and rehabilitation assistance for Liberia, and requests him:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Liberia in its efforts towards reconstruction and development of Liberia, including the return and reintegration of refugees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers;

(b) To undertake, as soon as possible, in close collaboration with the Government of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs, with the objective of holding a round-table conference of donors for the reconstruction and development of Liberia;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to consider at its fifty-third session the question of international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.

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[1] See S/1997/817.